

**Andrew Jackson to John Coffee, December 18, 1813,
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TO JOHN COFFEE.1

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Fort Strother, December 18, 1813

Sir: Something effectual, and decissive must be done immediately. The enemy, building their hopes upon our late unhappy distractions, are again assembling below us. Delay, while it diminishes our strength will increase *their's* . They must be dislodged; and made to feel that a cessation of our movements is only a preparation for more terrible operations. Hasten to form a junction with me; and bring along, every particle of bread-stuff, that can be procured. For the transportation thereof, the contractors must put in immediate requisition every waggon and pack-horse that can be obtained. Bring with you all the forage you *can* , for the sustenance of your horses.

It will be understood that you are ordered to form a junction with me, at this time, *only* on the supposition that supplies of breadstuff, sufficient to justify another movement from this point, are already collected by the Contractors, or can, by the proper exertions, be very soon procured. Until supplies can be obtained, nothing can be effected; and you will not be wanted; but no endeavour must be omitted to obtain them speedily, and have them speedily conveyed.

I am respectfully yr. ob. st.